Meeting
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION
Executive Committee
Des Moines Water Works Planning Conference Room
October 12, 2011
4:00 p.m.

Present: Scott Cirksena, E.J. Giovannetti, Amy Kahler, Louise Moon, Michelle Sloan

Status Update on Dues
Amy Kahler reported that second request for dues for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2012 will be sent to Ex-Officios and Representatives. Four communities have not yet paid dues.

Raccoon River Master Plan
In Linda Kinman’s absence, Amy provided an update on the Raccoon River Master Plan. She indicated the plan would be released later this year or early in 2012.

Amy also summarized recent discussions between Linda Kinman, DMWW and potential partners in applying for the DNR HUD grant. The grant must be received by a city or county, so CIRDWC as an entity is not eligible to apply. There is interest in approaching the counties of Polk, Dallas and Greene to apply as a consortium with one county identified as the fiscal agent for the grant. In addition to these three counties, there is interest in including CIRDWC, RRWA, IA Rivers Revival, county conservationists, DNR, and ACWA-IA Soybean. Two grant applications will need to be submitted. If both applications are approved approximately $30,000 will be granted each for each HUC 8. Two watershed groups will need to be formed to encompass the entire RR watershed (North, Middle, and South Raccoon). The proposals are to address watersheds no larger than a HUC 8. The North Raccoon is one HUC 8 and the North and South Raccoon River are another HUC 8. The first task of the proposal will be to notify all cities and counties in the watershed to make them aware that the watershed groups are being formed through 28E agreements and invite them to participate. During the second phase of the granting process, if approved for the second phase, the watershed groups would then flush out the RR Master Plan, indentifying how contaminants, flooding, sites of greatest concern, etc will be determined and prioritized. Lastly, funding opportunities and other resources will be determined.

October Meeting Agenda
The Committee set the agenda. The agenda item titled of “Governance” on the July agenda was briefly discussed. There has been no response by the DMWW Board of Trustees or the Mayor and DM City Council to CIRDWC’s letter requesting a meeting to discuss the governance of DMWW. E.J. will provide this update during the Executive Committee update as a follow up to the July meeting.

Open
There was no open discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.